

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 681
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Patrick Powell on the occasion of his retirement from Columbia Central High School and the Maury County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Powell is one such estimable educator; having distinguished himself as an exemplary vocational teacher, he will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has served with acumen and alacrity as the Auto Mechanics teacher at Columbia Central High School for 25 exemplary years, instructing and positively influencing students from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; in addition, many of his fellow teachers are extremely grateful for his service at Columbia Central High School, as he has helped them keep their cars running; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in and lending his support to numerous civic and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Patrick Powell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, he will devote his energies and time to his hobbies of farming and marksmanship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Patrick Powell, commending his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.